Dear ATVG Members and Friends,

I welcome you to the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG). We are a not-for-profit 501(c)(4) corporation chartered in 1982. Our primary purpose is to improve communication and understanding between local governments and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). With nearly 1,000 local governments being served by TVA, we strive to advocate on behalf of our membership. ATVG represents local governments in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

We meet three times a year within the TVA region for educational sessions and to conduct the organization's business. We recognize TVA as a major economic driver in our communities through its role as a provider of reliable, reasonably priced power, along with economic development initiatives for recreation and industrial activities. We acknowledge that TVA must be an active steward of our natural resources, and we encourage TVA to remain proactive in this role.

ATVG will continue to advocate for policies that benefit our local governments and communities. We recognize that we can both support and oppose various TVA policies while understanding that education on these issues helps us all make better decisions.

Please join us for our 2027 meetings planned for Oxford, MS; Guntersville, AL; and Gatlinburg, TN. In addition to outstanding programs at our meetings, we will visit the historic Ole Miss campus, see and dine at Guntersville City Harbor, and enjoy the fall colors of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Over the years, I have personally found ATVG to be an excellent organization for enhancing communication to and from TVA. Through this exchange, we often find new ideas and create relationships that benefit our local governments and, ultimately, the people we serve. Opportunities for operational insight through tours of TVA assets, and direct access to leaders in TVA sectors, make ATVG a truly valuable association. If you are interested in becoming involved in ATVG, please contact our staff at (865) 659-4745.

Sincerely,

Cliff Bradshaw
2027 ATVG Board President
Sole Commissioner, Towns County, GA